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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CONSPIRATOR WHO MAILED CRACK TO RICHMOND
SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANTONIO WADE JONES, 27, Sacramento, California, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute "crack" cocaine base, charged in July of 2003. This case was the result of a investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, Wayne County Drug Task Force, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

JONES was involved in a conspiracy in which crack cocaine was shipped via Express Mail from Sacramento, California and received in the Richmond, Indiana Post Office. Other

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persons involved in this conspiracy were charged in an earlier indictment including Kristy Kircher, Richmond, Indiana, Robert E. Harlan, Tacoma Park, MD and Sidney A. Evans, Richmond, Indiana. Evans and Harlan traveled from Indiana to Sacramento, California to arrange with Jones the shipment of crack to Richmond, Indiana through Express Mail.

Kircher, Harlan and Evans have entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base and have been sentenced by U. S. District Judge David F. Hamilton. Harlan, sentenced on February 27, 2001, received a sentence of 70 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release. Evans, sentenced on July 5, 2001, received a sentence of 10 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release and a \$1,000.00. Kircher, sentenced on July 25, 2001, received a sentence of 30 months imprisonment, 5 years supervised release and a \$1,000.00 fine.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following JONES's release from imprisonment.

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